



# THE SPROCKET

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## President's Message *by Paul Beach*



Well, 2014 is here and gone. As we usher in 2015 let me wrap up 2014 with a few stats. We had another great year of cycling with SIW. We logged in over 97,000 club miles with 91 members riding at least 1,000 miles and Joe Bolan breaking all records in SIW's 39 years with over 10,000 miles in a single season. Congratulations Joe Bolan!

I want to thank our SIW club officers and the Board of Directors for the great job everyone has done. There are a few changes for 2015. On the Board of Directors, Susie Hammond has stepped down and Alison Ewart will be taking her place. As for the SIW club officers, Michael Hottois will be V.P. Touring with Bryan Huhnerkoch moving to Statistician. What an outstanding job Jeanne Garrison-Young has done as Statistician and keeping track of all our club miles and all the extra things she has done along the way. Thanks to Jeanne for an awesome job. Thanks and good luck to Bryan for taking on Statistician.

What a great way to end this year. Beautiful weather and a great turn out (655 paid riders) for our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Homecoming Bike Tour. Thanks again to all volunteers, riders, and sponsors. A special thank you goes to the Koetter family and Chris Kruer at the Forest Discovery center.

We had 97 in attendance at our annual Awards Banquet. Our M.C., Joe Gutmann, did a fantastic job by keeping everything in order and rolling. A special thank you to Susie Peters, Phyllis Lewis, and all their helpers! Good food, beautiful decorations, and a good time for all. God bless and Happy New Year!

If you are a bicyclist in the Southern Indiana/Louisville area and would like to ride with a great group of people with similar interests, come check us out! Just pick up a Southern Indiana Wheelmen or Slowspokes ride schedule from the Clarksville Schwinn bicycle shop. If you have any questions, please contact one of the club officers or visit our web site at [www.siwheelmen.org](http://www.siwheelmen.org).



**Mark Your  
Calendar!**

**Next Club Meeting  
Thursday, January 15, 2015  
Clarksville Library**

**We will begin promptly at 6pm**

**Come join us & support your club**

**Happy, Happy  
Birthday from  
all of us to  
you.**



## **January**

<i>Nancy Lovett</i>	<i>1-01</i>
<i>Marty Jones</i>	<i>1-02</i>
<i>Joe Lobred</i>	<i>1-06</i>
<i>Matt Mihajlovits</i>	<i>1-09</i>
<i>Judy Beattie</i>	<i>1-11</i>
<i>Dick Keith</i>	<i>1-12</i>
<i>Robin Meredith</i>	<i>1-12</i>
<i>Karen Summers</i>	<i>1-12</i>
<i>Bryan Huhnerkoch</i>	<i>1-16</i>
<i>Karen Johnson</i>	<i>1-16</i>
<i>Joe Bishop</i>	<i>1-17</i>
<i>Bruce Renn</i>	<i>1-19</i>
<i>Barbara Thorn</i>	<i>1-21</i>
<i>Sharon Thomas</i>	<i>1-22</i>
<i>Roy Schremp</i>	<i>1-26</i>
<i>Sheila Fredrick- Franzdorf</i>	<i>1-30</i>

## **February**

<i>Ron Galbraith</i>	<i>2-01</i>
<i>Dale Shirley</i>	<i>2-01</i>
<i>Matt Prather</i>	<i>2-07</i>
<i>Frankie Morris</i>	<i>2-08</i>
<i>Paul Vice</i>	<i>2-08</i>
<i>Chris Harkness</i>	<i>2-11</i>
<i>Alex Nadein</i>	<i>2-11</i>
<i>Tony Barranco</i>	<i>2-12</i>
<i>Nita Bernat</i>	<i>2-18</i>
<i>Tak Koerner</i>	<i>2-18</i>
<i>Bill Priddy</i>	<i>2-18</i>
<i>Carolyn Vose</i>	<i>2-21</i>
<i>Amy Harkness</i>	<i>2-23</i>
<i>Becky Best</i>	<i>2-27</i>



# Can Good Ride



Phyllis' ride not only benefited the Hope Southern Indiana, but even ourselves as we road 20 miles in a warm drizzle to Utica and back. The number of food items at this time are not available, but it was a backseat and floor full of food from soups, to corn to dish soap and things in between. The ones who really benefited from this ride are the people of southern Indiana who receive assistance with food (4-day supply). This is just one of many things that Hope Southern Indiana provides for the people of our area.

Joan Gilley



## Up Coming Rides/Events Mark your Calendars 2015



Florida

Jan 10 – 25

**NO DEFINITE DATES FOR RIDES BELOW**

Silver Comet

Maryland

Little Miami Trail, Ohio

Michigan

Rain Ride

Amish Pre Ride

Amish

July

Aug

Aug





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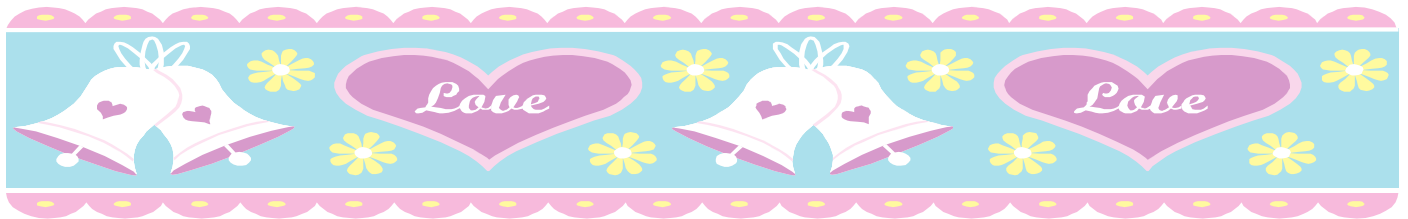
Paul,

On behalf of our family, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Starlight Foundation. Cris shared that you had a great turn-out and a beautiful day. We appreciate that you and your volunteers take such good care of the Forest Discovery Center and the Koetter Woodworking grounds for this event.

We are more than happy to partner with the Southern Indiana Wheelmen to offer this ride and show off the beauty of Starlight in the fall!

Thanks again,

Brian Koetter



Congratulations to our Slowspokes Newly Weds,

Doug and Nancy 12-13-14



**People ride bicycles for fun and for fitness and some have a higher calling and I am a witness.**

**Some feel the need to go further and faster as if they weren't moving would be a disaster!**

**One I know is fast and furious and sets a high pace so that I shout out "hey this isn't a race".**

**He stays on his bike for long hours. His legs pump and his big secret is he has a cast iron rump!**

**He rides century rides day after day and I say impressive Dude then he looks up and smiles and says "How about two"?**

**Well he is nice and friendly and helpful to all and will drive to the doctor if you happen to fall.**

**So when you are at mile 85 and you are working hard to keep rollin, the red streak that passed you may just be Joe Bolan!**

**Thanks Dude,**

**Gary Johnson**

# Wanted

**News Articles**

**Pictures**

**Items for sale**

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## Bicycling Tip

When riding hills, practice shifting on the climb, aiming to change gears before the terrain rises. Shifting too late will sap your energy – and slow you down.